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I hope that the Department of Justice is going to accept this settlement and move away from looking at Microsoft as the enemy to seeing Microsoft as the company that made computing affordable and accessible to all.

I have some anti Microsoft friends who complain about the prices of software from companies like Quark Express, or Adobe who own their market niches and where Microsoft has no competitive entry products. The competitive software sells for \$600 on the average street price.

Whereas Microsoft sells the operating system and a whole host of applications for less than half that. Any one of these MS products could be sold for a lot more money.

In short, if the Microsoft haters got their dream and managed to destroy this company, we would all pay more for software.

And there are no usable competitive operating systems around. Have you looked at Linux, or BeOS or UNIX lately for ease of use? Most computers nowadays can be configured easily with more than one operating system. I do not see anyone doing this in spite of how easy it would be to have a machine that runs Windows and UNIX say. The other OS are really for computer experts to install and use. For most people, Windows is the easiest and most capable thing there is.

Please let us honor this settlement and end this ongoing battle with one of the great companies in the USA. We have all suffered a lot financial loss in our 401K plans with what happened to the stock price of MS. The supposed savings from this lawsuit will never come close to restoring 1% of that loss.

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